community led participatory programme which aims to provide clean drinking water facilities in rural areas with minimum provision of drinking water (40 lpcd). It was launched in 2002 and the element of public participation is an integral part of schemes taken up under Swajaldhara. Upto 20% of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) funds may be allocated for the Swajaldhara Scheme annually. Since rural drinking water is a State subject, the targets for coverage are fixed for the whole State and not scheme-wise. Swajaldhara Scheme is one of the schemes for rural water supply. Under Bharat Nirman, it is targeted to cover all rural habitations in the country with the minimum provision of drinking water by 2009.

The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development has identified 972 blocks in 182 districts for its Drought Prone Area Programme. Under Swajaldhara funds are allocated to the States as per the inter-State ARWSP allocation ratio fixed for the year. The States then make district-wise allocations and consider specific proposals at District Water and Sanitation Committee (DWSC)/ State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM) level and approve them in conformity with Swajaldhara Guidelines. Government of India does not maintain scheme-wise allocations cleared by the respective DWSC/SWSM.

Loan by banks under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana

†237. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor people who have submitted applications in various banks by 30th June, 2006 under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana introduced by Government;

(b) the number of persons provided with loans by the banks; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure immediate loan to the poor, and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) As per the latest

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information received from the States/UTs, a total of 70,13,229 applications have been submitted for loans under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY).

(b) 35,97,984 applicants have been provided with loans by the banks.

(c) Ministry of Rural Development has taken up the matter with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Ministry of Finance who have been advised for close monitoring of the SGSY scheme in order to ensure distribution of loans to the poor to achieve annual credit targets fixed under the scheme Ministry of Finance has issued directions to the Chairman and Managing Directors of banks to take stern action against the officers who are not achieving the credit targets under SGSY.

PMGSY in Madhya Pradesh

†238. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been provided to Madhya Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the year 2005-06;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the such amount would be provided now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Rs. 376.2870 (Rupees three hundred and seventy six crore twenty eight lakh and seventy thousand only) was released under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2005-06 to Madhya Pradesh.

PMGSY in U.P.

239. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds issued to the State of Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years ending 31st March, 2006, year-wise;

(b) whether all the funds issued have been spent for the purpose for which issued;

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